

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

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b. The latest word we have on the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces is negative. Five "military technicians," who were supposed to have checked out of Nhommarath under the eyes of the ICC on Tuesday, failed to turn up and have not been heard from since.

c. In Vientiane, meanwhile, the Pathet Lao minister of information has taken a hard line on the Meos. His side, he declared, intends to put an end to supply flights to these people after 7 October, using force if necessary, and without regard to whether Souvanna likes it or not.

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## 2. USSR

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## 3. Warsaw Pact Exercise

a. The preliminary phase ended on Thursday and large-scale movements commenced yesterday in Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Polish, Czech, and East German, as well as Soviet elements, are taking part. [REDACTED]

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b. As best as we can make out, the exercise consists of a holding action against an imaginary NATO penetration toward Leipzig in southern East Germany, together with an all-out defense against an attack across the plains of north Germany. [REDACTED]

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#### 4. USSR-Iraq

Moscow, moving to make good on a deal negotiated a year ago, is set to deliver [ ] TU-16 jet medium bombers to Iraq next week. It is also committed to turn over [ ] missile-equipped MIG-21's, [ ] MIG-15 trainers, and [ ] IL-28 jet light bombers before the end of the year. When this is done, the value of military assistance rendered to Baghdad since 1958 will total about \$350 million.

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#### 5. Yemen

a. The new regime now calls itself the "Yemeni Arab Republic" and has established an administrative structure headed by a revolutionary council. Abdullah al-Sallal, the Imam's erstwhile bodyguard who led Wednesday's revolt, has assumed the positions of prime minister and commander-in-chief.

b. As expected, the figures now emerging from the shadows to take responsible positions in the government are turning out to be members of the UAR-sponsored Free Yemeni Movement. So far, Sallal's deputy, the foreign minister, and the education minister have been so identified.

c. Sana radio this morning claimed the regime has been recognized by the USSR. We have heard nothing from Moscow. Cairo definitely has made the move.

d. Sallal's authority, however, is likely to be put to the test before very long. Late press reports suggest that tribal elements loyal to the monarchy have begun moving toward Sana. Prince Hasan, on his way home to lead the movement, has gotten as far as Beirut from whence we expect him to make his way next to Saudi Arabia.

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e. King Saud, meanwhile, has acted to promote a counterstroke.

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the situation in Taiz is relatively calm and the foreign community there does not seem to be in any immediate danger.

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## 6. Congo

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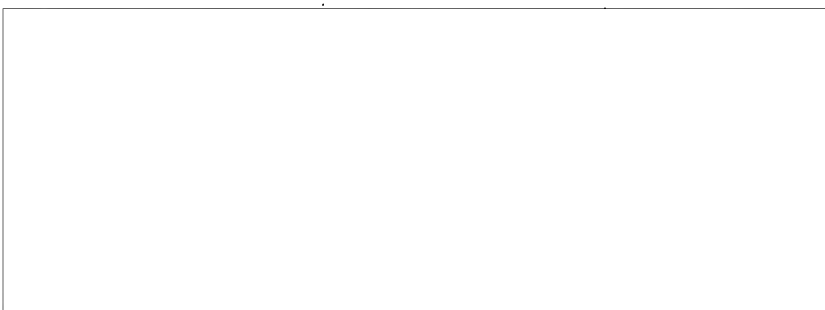
there were more planes on the Kolwezi airfield in Katanga

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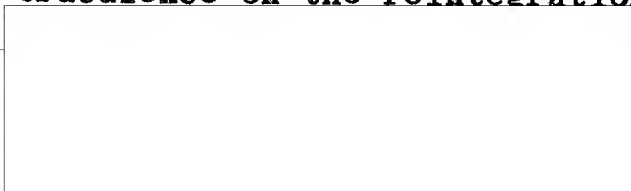
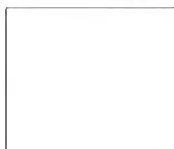
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d. This accretion of air power probably has a lot to do with Tshombé's growing truculence on the reintegration issue.



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opposition elements are trying to work up demonstrations against Western embassies, using the city's unemployed as their pawns.

NOTES

- A. Portugal We understand that Salazar is thinking of making former defense minister Santos Costa governor-general in Angola. Santos Costa, a hard-nosed character, has never seen much percentage in being easy on Africans.
- B. Finland-UK The Finns have once again asked London to sell them guided missiles. This time it looks as though they may get them.

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- D. South Vietnam The Diem government, anxious lest neutralist sentiment take hold in its own back yard, has been quietly rounding up people suspected of harboring the idea that neutrality holds the best promise of bringing an end to the fighting in South Vietnam.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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